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A roundup of voting news from the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) ✓ ✓ For voters, potential voters and those who assist voters.

## Special Issue

# Information on Candidates and Issues

There are many occasions as a civilian or military Voting Assistance Officer (VAO) when potential voters will ask "where can I obtain information on the candidates and issues?"

This is a legitimate question and one which you, as a Voting Assistance Officer, should be prepared to answer.

Motivational voting programs should encourage people to vote and inform them that voting is a civic responsibility rather than a legal obligation.

It is the Voting Assistance Officer's responsibility to inform the citizen of procedures to follow in order to vote. It is the citizen's responsibility to obtain information about candidates and issues.

Some of the best sources for citizens to obtain such information are hometown newspapers, magazines and newspapers with national circulation, radio and television, the Internet and information obtained directly from the political party and campaign committee offices supporting a particular political

candidate or proposal. The DoD Voting Information Center provides information on candidates and issues. Citizens may call (800) 438-8683, (703) 693-6500 or DSN 223-6500 to reach the DoD Voting Information Center or toll-free using the numbers listed on the page 2 of this

endorse or imply endorsement of candidates or identify with issues in a campaign.

Military VAOs should contact the Federal Voting Assistance Program and obtain the commanding officer's approval before distributing literature from any outside organization.

Civilian VAOs can receive guidelines for assisting potential voters by contacting the FVAP.

The Department of Defense's policy regarding the maintenance of political neutrality is stated in DoD



*Newsletter.* Other sources of information about candidates and issues for members of the military and their family members include Armed Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS), *Stars and Stripes*, as well as newspaper articles and features distributed for military editors and used by the American Forces Press and Publications Service (AFPPS).

Additional sources of information include the Democratic National Committee, Democrats Abroad, the Republican National Committee, Republicans Abroad, and other American citizen organizations overseas.

The VAO should not become involved in providing information on candidates and issues to civilians, military personnel or their family members, but may refer citizens to the above sources of information. Further, VAOs are not to distribute any literature from candidates or partisan organizations. Organizations become partisan when they

Directive 5410.18:

"The Armed Forces and the Defense Establishment belong to all the American people. . . Department of Defense support of and participation in events and activities in the civilian domain will reflect that fact . . . (and such) support and participation must not directly or indirectly (a) endorse or selectively benefit or favor, or appear to endorse or selectively benefit or favor any private individual, group, corporation (whether profit or nonprofit), religion, sect or sectarian group, quasi-religious or ideological movement, fraternal organization, political organization, or commercial venture, or (b) be associated with the solicitation of votes in a political election."

The two major political parties in the United States (Democratic and Republican) have branches in many countries throughout the world. (See **Information**, pg. 3)

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Voting Questions? We're here to help!**FVAP Ombudsman Service**

The Federal Voting Assistance Program's Ombudsman Service is there to help you when voting concerns cannot be solved locally. You can contact the FVAP staff for service by regular mail, e-mail, fax or phone using the contact information listed below.

The toll-free numbers below will take you directly into the DoD Voting Information Center, with the option of transferring to the FVAP office for assistance from our Ombudsman Service. The office is staffed during normal business hours on Eastern Standard Time. An answering machine is available during the evening hours. When leaving a message from overseas please be sure to leave your entire phone number including any international prefixes required so that we are able to respond to your voting question in a timely manner.

**In the U.S.**

**1-800-438-8683**  
 Antigua 1-800-326-0220  
 Australia 0014-800-128509  
 Bahamas 180-995-09-20  
 Bahrain 800-621  
 Barbados 800-534-2104  
 Belgium 078-111-455  
 Bermuda 800-623-0077  
 Brazil 000-811-926-5585  
 Canada 800-995-0920  
 Chile 00-020-3071  
 Colombia 980-12-0896  
 Costa Rica 0-800-011-0125  
 Denmark 800-10-169  
 Dominican Rep. 800-751-7131  
 Finland 9800-156-284  
 France 0-800-900-156  
 Germany 013-081-9277  
 Greece 008-001-22-586  
 Hong Kong 800-6984  
 Hungary 00-800-11-158  
 Ireland 1-800-557-083  
 Israel 177-102-4012  
 Italy 1-678-72-444  
 Indonesia 00-800-1-923-3685

Japan 0031-11-2429  
 Liechtenstein 1-155-4514  
 Luxembourg 0-800-2499  
 Malaysia 800-2170  
 Mexico 95-800-010-1438  
 Monaco 0-59-00-156  
 Netherlands 06-022-2499  
 Neth. Antilles 001-800-753-0767  
 New Zealand 0-800-44-0799  
 Norway 800-12093  
 Panama 0083-28027-4197  
 Philippines 1-800-116-0009  
 Portugal 0501-8-13-035  
 San Marino 1-678-72-444  
 Singapore 800-1300-210  
 South Korea 0078-14-800-0203  
 Spain 900-93-1108  
 Sweden 020-793-503  
 Switzerland 155-4514  
 Taiwan 0080-10-3153  
 Thailand 001-800-1-1-923-6685  
 Trinidad & Tobago 1-800-934-7340  
 United Kingdom 0-800-895-7403  
 Uruguay 000-411-923-7985  
 Vatican City 1678-72-4444

**Voting Assistance Officers****"To Do" This Month**

**[ ]** Check out the FVAP Voting IQ Challenge at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov). The test is a fun way to measure your knowledge of the absentee voting process for active duty members of the Uniformed Services, the merchant marine, and their family members; Federally-employed citizens outside the U.S.; and all other overseas civilian citizens.

**[ ]** Be sure the citizens you cover are aware of the many resources available to them regarding information on candidates and issues for the upcoming elections. Remember to only direct them to these sources - do not provide any partisan information yourself.

**[ ]** Encourage citizens to submit timely Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) requests for registration and absentee ballots. Many states require citizens to register at least 30 days before the election date. Dates and procedures vary so consult the 1998-99 *Voting Assistance Guide* for state-by-state details.

**[ ]** The 1998-99 Voting Action Plan was disseminated to the Services in October 1997. Obtain a copy and become familiar with your Service's plan. An overseas civilian version of the plan can be obtained directly from the FVAP.

**[ ]** Be sure the installation or Embassy/Consulate telephone operator has your name and number as referral for voting information requests.

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703-693-5507  
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**Note:** Copying or using VIN articles in other publications, etc. is encouraged.

**(Information, from pg. 1)**

Further information concerning overseas political activities by either the Democratic or Republican Party may be obtained by contacting:

**Democrats Abroad**

P.O. Box 6430  
Alexandria, VA 22306-6430  
Word Wide Web:  
www.democratsabroad.org  
E-mail: twfina@worldnet.att.net  
Fax: (703) 768-0920  
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310 First St., S.E.  
Washington, DC 20003  
World Wide Web: www.rai.org  
E-mail: rai@rai.org  
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The following list of Governors and Chief Election Officials (CEO) can be utilized by citizens wishing to find information on campaign issues and dates for upcoming elections in their state or territory. Each of these individuals offices can be reached using the Voting Information Center at the numbers listed on page 2.

**Alabama**

Governor: Fob James Jr.  
CEO: Secretary Jim Bennett

**Alaska**

Governor: Tony Knowles  
CEO: Lt. Gov. Fran Ulmer

**American Samoa**

Governor: Tauese P. Sunia  
CEO: Mr. Soliai T. Fuimaono

**Arizona**

Governor: Jane Dee Hull  
CEO: Secretary Betsy Bayless

**Arkansas**

Governor: Mike Huckabee  
CEO: Secretary Sharon Priest

**California**

Governor: Pete Wilson  
CEO: Secretary Bill Jones

**Colorado**

Governor: Roy Romer  
CEO: Secretary Victoria Buckley

**Connecticut**

Governor: John G. Rowland  
CEO: Secretary Miles S. Rapoport

**Delaware**

Governor: Thomas R. Carper  
CEO: Commissioner Thomas J. Cook

**District of Columbia**

Mayor: Marion Barry  
CEO: Ms. Alice O. Miller, Esq.

**Florida**

Governor: Lawton Chiles  
CEO: Secretary Sandra B. Mortham

**Georgia**

Governor: Zell Miller  
CEO: Secretary Lewis A. Massey

**Guam**

Governor: Carl T.C. Gutierrez  
CEO: Lt. Gov. Madeleine Z. Bordallo

**Hawaii**

Governor: Benjamin J. Cayetano  
CEO: Mr. Dwayne Yoshina

**Idaho**

Governor: Philip E. Batt  
CEO: Secretary Pete T. Cenarrusa

**Illinois**

Governor: Jim Edgar  
CEO: Dr. Ronald D. Michaelson

**Indiana**

Governor: Frank O'Bannon  
CEO: Secretary Sue Anne Gilroy

**Iowa**

Governor: Terry E. Branstad  
CEO: Secretary Paul Pate

**Kansas**

Governor: Bill Graves  
CEO: Secretary Ron Thornburgh

**Kentucky**

Governor: Paul E. Patton  
CEO: Secretary John Y. Brown, III

**Louisiana**

Governor: Mike Foster  
CEO: Secretary W. Fox McKeithen

**Maine**

Governor: Angus S. King Jr.  
CEO: Secretary Dan Gwadosky

**Maryland**

Governor: Parris N. Glendening  
CEO: Ms. Linda H. Lamone

**Massachusetts**

Governor: Argeo Paul Cellucci  
CEO: Secretary William Francis Galvin

**Michigan**

Governor: John Engler  
CEO: Secretary Candice S. Miller

**Minnesota**

Governor: Arne H. Carlson  
CEO: Secretary Joan Anderson Growe

**Mississippi**

Governor: Kirk Fordice  
CEO: Secretary Eric Clark

**Missouri**

Governor: Mel Carnahan  
CEO: Secretary Rebecca McDowell Cook

**Montana**

Governor: Marc Racicot  
CEO: Secretary Mike Cooney

**Nebraska**

Governor: E. Benjamin Nelson  
CEO: Secretary Scott Moore

**Nevada**

Governor: Robert J. Miller  
CEO: Secretary Dean Heller

(See **Information**, pg.4)

**State Department: Office of American Citizens Services**

Voting Action Officer: Mr. Patrick Hegerty **tel:** (202) 647-6060 **tel FTS:** 8-647-4994, **fax:** (202) 647-6201

**Service Voting Action Officers**

Dept. of the Army: Mr. Tom Feazell **tel:** (703) 325-4530 **tel DSN:** 221-4530, **fax:** (703) 325-4532, **fax DSN:** 221-4532  
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All of the above can also be reached through the DoD Voting Information Center and the FVAP WEB Site **http://www.fvap.gov**

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(Information, from pg. 3)

#### New Hampshire

Governor: Jeanne Shaheen  
CEO: Secretary William J. Gardner

#### New Jersey

Governor: Christine T. Whitman  
CEO: Secretary Lonna Hooks

#### New Mexico

Governor: Gary E. Johnson  
CEO: Secretary Stephanie Gonzales

#### New York

Governor: George E. Pataki  
CEO: Mr. Thomas R. Wilkey



#### North Carolina

Governor: James B. Hunt Jr.  
CEO: Mr. Gary O. Bartlett

#### North Dakota

Governor: Edward T. Schafer  
CEO: Secretary Alvin A. Jaeger

#### Ohio

Governor: George V. Voinovich  
CEO: Secretary Bob A. Taft, II

#### Oklahoma

Governor: Frank Keating  
CEO: Mr. Lance Ward

#### Oregon

Governor: John A. Kitzhaber  
CEO: Secretary Phil Keisling

#### Pennsylvania

Governor: Thomas Ridge  
CEO: Secretary Yvette Kane

#### Puerto Rico

Governor: Pedro Rosselló  
CEO: Secretary Norma Burgos, Esq.

#### Rhode Island

Governor: Lincoln Almond  
CEO: Secretary James R. Langevin

#### South Carolina

Governor: David M. Beasley  
CEO: Mr. James F. Hendrix

#### South Dakota

Governor: William J. Janklow  
CEO: Secretary Joyce Hazeltine

#### Tennessee

Governor: Don Sundquist  
CEO: Secretary Riley C. Darnell

#### Texas

Governor: George W. Bush Jr.  
CEO: Secretary Antonio O. Garza, Jr.

#### Utah

Governor: Michael O. Leavitt  
CEO: Lt. Gov. Olene S. Walker

#### Vermont

Governor: Howard Dean M.D.  
CEO: Secretary James Milne

#### Virgin Islands

Governor: Roy L. Schneider, M.D.  
CEO: Mr. John Abramson, Jr.

#### Virginia

Governor: James S. Gilmore III  
CEO: Mr. Bruce M. Meadows

#### Washington

Governor: Gary Locke  
CEO: Secretary Ralph Munro

#### West Virginia

Governor: Cecil Underwood  
CEO: Secretary Ken Hechler

#### Wisconsin

Governor: Tommy G. Thompson  
CEO: Mr. Kevin J. Kennedy

#### Wyoming

Governor: Jim Geringer  
CEO: Secretary Diana J. Ohman

## Call the DoD VIC Toll-free from Overseas!

Now you can stay in touch with public officials, candidates and issues from your state toll-free from 49 overseas locations.

Contact the offices of U.S. Senators, U.S. Representative, Governors and State Chief Election Officials *at no cost to you* by using the numbers provided on this page.

Voting Assistance Officers can also contact the Voting Action Officer in the Department of State and the Uniformed Services on these numbers.

Regular commercial, DSN and domestic toll-free access on the numbers below is still available.

The VIC also provides recorded messages from elected officials and candidates.

**Call Today!**

**703 - 693 - 6500**

**DSN 223 - 6500**

**Toll-free from Overseas**

### News Release Update 1998

The following news release was disseminated by the FVAP. If you have not received it go to **www.fvap.gov** or call the FVAP to have your name added to the distribution list for future releases. **Release 1 - Army VAO Special Ordering Instructions for 1998-99 Voting Assistance Guide.**

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